

MINUTES

**Eugene City Council
Harris Hall, 125 East 8th Avenue
Eugene, Oregon 97401**

**June 17, 2015
12:00 p.m.**

Councilors Present: George Brown, Betty Taylor, Alan Zelenka, George Poling, Greg Evan, Claire Syrett, Chris Pryor

Councilors Absent: Mike Clark

Mayor Piercy opened the June 17, 2015, City Council work session.

A. ACTION: An Ordinance Concerning Sick Leave; Amending Section 5 of Ordinance No. 20537; Amending Sections 4.576 and 4.582 of the Eugene Code.

Deputy City Attorney Kathryn Brotherton discussed potential motions for sick leave ordinance.

Council discussion:

- Action at the State level was encouraged by passage of Eugene's sick leave ordinance.
- The State's version encompasses other governmental agencies.
- Proposed motion will ensure that businesses won't go through implementation twice.

MOTION: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to adopt Council Bill 5143, an ordinance concerning sick leave.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to amend the ordinance to add the following section: **Section 5.** Pursuant to the provisions of Section 32(2) of the Eugene Charter of 2002, with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the City Council, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or passage over the Mayor's veto. An immediate effective date is necessary so that the July 1, 2015, sick leave provisions' effective date is amended prior to July 1, 2015. **PASSED 6:1**, Councilor Taylor opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to amend the ordinance to provide that the City's sick leave provisions become effective on January 1, 2016, and that all references to an October 1, 2015, effective date in the Ordinance be changed to January 1, 2016. **PASSED 7:0**

MOTION TO AMEND AND VOTE: Councilor Syrett, seconded by Councilor Evans, moved to amend the Ordinance to add the following section: **Section 6.** Ordinance No. 20537 shall be automatically repealed on January 1, 2016, in the event that the B-Engrossed version of SB 454 is signed into law by the Governor and is not referred to the voters. **PASSED 7:0**

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: PASSED 7:0

B. WORK SESSION: Library Local Option Levy

Library Services Director Connie Bennett and Strategy Research Institute Consultant Gary Manross gave a PowerPoint presentation discussing potential voter results for each library levy option and

details of service additions for the two library levy options.

Council discussion:

- Amount paid for the survey by Strategy Research Institute requested.
- Support expressed for Option 1 which would bolster branch libraries and access.
- Prefer to have branches in every part of city; high turnout election would be best.
- Prefer to address library service through the budget process; 1990 tax levy info requested.
- A detailed, clear list of what will be accomplished by levy needed.
- Library is more than a budget item, means more to the community; like option 1.
- Library is an essential service and is strongly supported by community.
- Be specific as possible with ballot language; don't frame as a dire situation, focus on future.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Crockett
Deputy City Recorder